

in general, but a man's first duty is to his own family, and he who is most faithful to his own flesh and blood, is most loyal and faithful to the community at large. He who is most loyal to his own church, is as a rule, most loyal to Christ, for in the very nature of things our faith and love and affection and service must localize somewhere. We give it as our own experience, and no doubt it is the experience of all pastors, that those church members who are most faithful and loyal to their own church are most loyal to Christ, and do most for Christianity in a general way.

THE ANNUAL FOR 1897.

The Annual or Church Year Book for 1897 is to be the best we have ever issued. It is our purpose to make this book indispensable to every home in the Brethren Church. It will contain a digest of the minutes of all the Conferences, beginning with the first one in 1882, and including the Conference of 1896. It will also contain the most important decisions and work of the various District Conferences; a complete Church Directory; all the different organizations in the church will be represented, King's Children, the S. S. C. E., the Sunday-school, National Mission Board, the Chicago and Washington Missions, several portraits and biographies, a full and comprehensive statement of the doctrines of the Brethren Church, with a vast amount of other valuable matter. The Annual will be issued in November. The Calendar part will be on the same plan as last year.

WHO IS HE?

The following letter was received at this office. We publish it just as it was written and if it should come to the writer's notice he will please let us know "where he is at." The name is withheld.

October the 12th 1896

Dear sir

Mr. Editor

of the EVANGELIST I want to know what you mean by sending your paper to my wife when she paid your agent last June and ordered the paper stop and the postmaster has notified you that we have refused to take the paper out of the office and I thought that was orders enough if your agents don't attend to this I think that you had better put in some that will we want you to stop your paper at once for we have paid you all we owed you and all we expect to pay for your paper.

If you want to know whether or not it pays to distribute tracts, read the articles by brother J. D. McFaden as they appear in this paper week after week.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Publication Board held at Winona Park, on Aug. 29, 1896, it was decided to recognize all just debts against former managements of our publishing interests. Parties having any pecuniary claims, including unsatisfied stock of the stock company will therefore please send the secretary the amount and nature of their claims, so that the present Board may know the true status of affairs, and sum total of its obligations. This is very important. The secretary hopes to have prompt and correct reports.

JACOB C. CASSEL, Sec. & Treas.

Personal Mention.

Brother W. A. Welty is meeting with success in his canvass for the college.

Sister M. M. Sterling reports a baptism in the Mononghehela in the presence of a large audience.

From Brother H. P. Metcalf we learn that the church at Metcalf, Mo., will celebrate holy communion October 31.

Two accessions are reported at Zions Hill, Ohio, and the little band of believers getting along nicely. Brother Kiefer, pastor.

Brother I. D. Bowman recently received two by baptism and four by relation from the G. B's. He begins revival services in the city October 18.

Brother J. S. Bowman reports twelve accessions, four at New Castle and eight at Boone's Chapel, Va. The work in the Old Dominion is prospering.

Brother J. A. Miller is well pleased with Hiram college and is moving along in his studies as rapidly as is consistent with thorough work for which he is noted.

Brother H. R. Holsinger is prosecuting his work on "The Theology and History of the Brethren Church" for which the Pa. State conference solicits aid.

Just as we go to press we have a letter from Brother V. M. Reichard, Fair Play, Md., in which he states that a glorious revival is in progress in the St. James congregation conducted by Brother Joshua Long. Up to October 12, more than a score have been added to the church, with prospects for many more to follow.

The following card from Brother W. M. Lyon, of Washington, D. C., explains itself:

No 315 9th St., S. E.

Washington D. C., Sept. 22, 1896.

Dear Bro. Gnagey,

I have lately received a card from Brother John Nicholson of California.

He used a pencil and I am not able to read it satisfactorily. He wishes me to find a certain brother who came here from Nebraska, etc. I take this way, therefore, to get more satisfactory information.

Perhaps there are others who have friends here they would like for me to look up.

If so, please write.

Yours Frat.,

W. M. LYON.

HERE AND THERE.

According to the Editor's statements in the paper some people are very slow in paying their subscriptions.

If we are to judge people by their actions then the little girl was right when she said, "Adam was a man all alone and he was very lonesome, and God put him to sleep and then he took his brains out and made a nice lady for him."

I know some people who would leave the house of God if the Lord would answer their prayer. I know some people who would be funny looking things if the Lord would make them just what they ask him to make them.

In a quiet way I have learned to know some people who pray much louder than they live.

You can never find out who a man really is by going with him to church or by going to his house on Sabbath to eat chicken with him.

Quiet Observer would like to know why it is that "hard times" do not cut down a man's tobacco and drink bills.

Do you think the little boys and girls are ignorant of what you cast in the collection basket? Here is a story I have clipped out of a paper which will disabuse your minds from that error: "Mamma and Davie had been to church, and mamma had put a cent in the contribution box, a fact which had not escaped her son's observation. On the way home mamma found fault with the sermon. 'Well, mama,' said Davie, in a lofty way, 'you can't expect very much for a penny.'"

QUIET OBSERVER.

There are ten commandments, but there is only one Commander.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

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